

# Hempadur Avantguard 550

## Product characteristics

### Description

Hempadur Avantguard 550 is an activated, zinc epoxy primer in compliance with the requirements of Level 3, type II in SSPC Paint-20, 2019. Hempadur Avantguard 550 functions as a zinc-rich epoxy featuring a higher mechanical strength. The product is in full compliance with ASTM D520 type II and EU Directive 2004/42/EC, the Paints Directive on the limitation of volatile organic compounds: subcategory j.

### Recommended use

Hempadur Avantguard 550 is recommended as a versatile primer for long-term protection of steel in severely corrosive environments.

### Service temperature:

- Maximum, dry exposure only: 160°C [320°F].

### Certificates / Approvals

- Meets requirements to ISO 12944 when used as part of a predefined paint system. Part 6 C5 Very High.
- Complies with the European Fire Standard EN 13501-1, reaction to fire classification, when used as part of a predefined paint system. B-s1, d0.

### Features

- Reduces the effect of corrosion and provides very good galvanic protection.
- Fast drying primer with short minimum overcoating intervals.
- Excellent mechanical strength, also in cyclic temperatures, with improved tolerance to high film thickness through high flexibility and self-healing effect.
- Superior tolerance to high relative humidity during application.
- Cures down to -10°C [14°F].

## Product safety

**Flash point** 29°C [84°F]

### VOC content mixed product

Legislation	Value	5% thinning, by volume	Limit value, phase II (2010)*
EU	325 g/L [2.71 lb/US gal]	350g/L	500 g/L [4.17 lb/US gal]
US (coatings)	325 g/L [2.71 lb/US gal]		
US (regulatory)	325 g/L [2.71 lb/US gal]		
China	325 g/L [2.71 lb/US gal]		

According to specific legislation, see details in the Explanatory Notes available at Hempel website, [hempel.com](http://hempel.com) or at your local Hempel website. \*EU Directive 2004/42/CE.

### Handling

Handle with care. Before and during use, observe safety labels on packaging and paint containers and follow all local and national safety regulations. Always consult Hempel's Safety Data Sheet for this product along with the Product Data Sheet.

For professional use only.

## Product data

### Product code

1734G

### Product components

Base 1734U  
Curing Agent 97043

### Standard shade / code

Grey 19840

### Gloss

Flat

### Volume solids

65 ± 2%

### Specific gravity

1.9 kg/L [16 lb/US gal]

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## Reference dry film thickness

60 micron [2.4 mils]

## Surface preparation

### Cleanliness

- Remove oil, grease and other contaminants by suitable detergent cleaning.
- Remove salts, detergents and other contaminants by high pressure fresh water cleaning.

### New build:

- Abrasive blasting to min. Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1) / SP 10 (SSPC).
- Remove dust, blast media and loose materials.

### Roughness

- Surface profile Medium (G) (ISO 8503-2).

Consult Hempel's separate Surface Preparation Guidelines for more details.

## Application

### Mixing ratio

Base 1734U : Curing Agent 97043  
(4 : 1 by volume)

Products containing floating or settling particles/pigments need to be continuously stirred during application. This is especially important in case of heavy thinning.

### Thinner

Hempel's Thinner 08450

### Cleaner

Hempel's Tool Cleaner 99610

### Pot life

Product temperature	0°C [32°F]	20°C [68°F]	40°C [104°F]
Pot life	6 hours	3 hours	1 hour

## Application method

Tool	Thinning max vol.	Application parameters
Airless spray	5%	Nozzle pressure: 220 bar [3200 psi] Nozzle orifice: 0.017-0.021"

If brush or roller application is used, more coats will be necessary to achieve the specified dry film thickness. Spray data are indicative and subject to adjustment. Pressure is for a material temperature of 20°C [68°F].

## Film thickness

Specification range	Low	High	Recommended
Dry film thickness	40 micron [1.6 mils]	100 micron [3.9 mils]	60 micron [2.4 mils]
Wet film thickness	60 micron [2.5 mils]	150 micron [6 mils]	90 micron [3.5 mils]
Theoretical spreading rate	16 m²/L [650 sq ft/US gal]	6.5 m²/L [260 sq ft/US gal]	11 m²/L [450 sq ft/US gal]

Overthickness should be closely controlled and never locally exceed 200 micron [7.9 mils] DFT. On irregular surfaces it is recommended to employ special care in avoiding over application.

## Application conditions

- Temperature of product must be above 15°C [59°F] during application.
- To avoid condensation, apply on a clean and dry surface with a temperature that is at least 3°C [5°F] above the dew point.
- Surface temperature must be above -10°C [14°F] during application and curing.
- Surface temperature must be below 40°C [104°F] during application and curing.

## Relative Humidity:

- Relative humidity must be below 95% during curing.
- Relative humidity must be below 95% during application.

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## Drying and overcoating

### Product compatibility

- Previous coat: None.
- Subsequent coat: According to Hempel's Specification.

### Drying time

Surface temperature		-10°C [14°F]	0°C [32°F]	20°C [68°F]	40°C [104°F]
Touch dry	min	70	40	15	5
Hard dry	hours	6	4	1½	½

Determined for dry film thickness 60 micron [2.4 mils] at standard conditions, see Hempel's Explanatory Notes for details.

### Overcoating

Hempel's specification supersedes any guidelines indicated in the overcoating table

Quality name		-10°C [14°F]	0°C [32°F]	20°C [68°F]	40°C [104°F]
Atmospheric severe					
Hempaprime Multi 500	Min	3 h	90 min	45 min	25 min
	Max	90 d	90 d	30 d	7 d
Hempathane HS 55610	Min	3 h	90 min	45 min	25 min
	Max	20 d	15 d	5 d	28 h

Overcoating times are indicative for products of the same generic chemistry. Consult Hempel's specification for more information.

### Drying conditions

- To obtain the drying time stated, it is important to maintain sufficient ventilation during application, drying and curing.

### Overcoating details

- If the maximum overcoating interval is exceeded, roughening of the surface is necessary to ensure intercoat adhesion.
- Remove zinc salts or other contamination before overcoating.
- The surface must be dry and clean prior to application.

### Other remarks

- Hempel's Specification supersedes any recommendations given in the Product Data Sheets.

## Storage

### Shelf life

Ambient temperature	25°C [77°F]	35°C [95°F]
Base	12 months	9 months
Curing Agent	36 months	24 months

Shelf life from date of production, when stored in original, unopened containers. Thereafter, the product quality must be re-inspected. Always check the best before date or expiry date on the label.

### Storage conditions

- Product must be stored according to local legislation, at maximum 40°C [104°F], without direct sunlight and protected from rain and snow.

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## Additional documents

Additional information is available at the Hempel website [hempel.com](https://www.hempel.com) or at your local Hempel website:

- Explanatory Notes explaining the fields in this Product Data Sheet.
- Surface Preparation Guidelines.
- Application Guidelines for different application methods.
- General Application Guidelines

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No.	Document description	Location/comments
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2.	Specification	Only issued for specific projects
3.	PDS	This document
4.	Explanatory Notes to the PDS	Available at <a href="https://www.hempel.com">www.hempel.com</a> and contain relevant information about the Product testing parameters
5.	Application Instruction	Where available, at <a href="https://www.hempel.com">www.hempel.com</a>
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